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May 2009 HIKES AND PROGRAMS – rev. 0

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To provide quality programs we limit the number of participants. Program times vary. Please call 515-5367 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. for times and reservations. If unable to attend a program, your cancellation is appreciated. Parents must accompany children on all programs.



- *Please note that the conservation area is a Federal Fee Area & all entry or recreation fees apply. **Beginning May 8th the Current Visitor Center will be closed and a temporary information center /Gift shop will be available at the Lower Visitor Center parking lot. The Contact Station Parking area is also closed until further notice.**

Fri. 1st, Potato Knoll Loop: Join Claire for this 4.5 mile hike around the scenic Potato Knoll which sits before Wilson Peak. We will experience spectacular views as well as a variety of plant life, and maybe a few late blooms. Limited Space. Ages 12+. Moderate.

Fri. 1st, Calico Tanks: Hike with Chris through the colorful sandstone of the Calico Hills past a large natural tank to a ledge overlooking Calico Basin. This is a great hike to see Las Vegas and Lake Mead in the distance. There is some rock scrambling with an 800 ft elevation gain. Moderate, 4 miles.

Sat. 2nd, First Creek: Join Pat on this beautiful hike to First Creek. This hike has a seasonal creek and is one of the best hikes to view the Spring Mountain Range. Limited space. Ages 10+. Moderate, 3 miles.

Sat. 2nd, Red Spring Walk: Join Missy at Red Rock Canyon with your 2-6 year olds for a great program all about Red Spring. We will take a little walk and learn about the history of Red Spring and how important it is to Red Rock Canyon. Children will listen to a story, participate in a craft and so much more. Limited space.

Sun. 3rd, La Madre Spring: Join Claire for a 3.5 moderate hike up to a natural spring. We will learn about the various groups of people who lived and played in this beautiful area. This hike does not go to the miner's cabin. Limited space. Ages 10+.

Tues. 5th, Building a View: Come with Ranger Kathy and explore the Red Spring/Ash Spring and the Gateway Canyon area and see everything from arches to balancing rocks. Limited space. Ages 8+. Moderate, 2.5 miles.

Tues. 5th, Gray Cap Peak:

Join Chris on this amazing hike around the north end of the Calico Hills before scrambling up to Gateway Canyon. This hike has a great view of the area. Limited Space. Ages 18+. Strenuous, 6 miles with 1,500 ft. elevation gain.

Thurs. 7th, Fossil Ridge Full Moon: Come with Aaron and experience the brightest moon of the month on this night hike to Fossil Ridge. Along the way, we will look for fossils, nocturnal wildlife and desert plants by the light of the moon. Moderate, 3 miles.

Fri. 8th, Echo Canyon and Fossil Ridge: Join Claire for this moderate hike with some scrambling through Echo Canyon and up to Fossil Ridge. We will look for fossils, throughout the hike and take in the incredible views of the Conservation Area from the ridge. Limited space. Ages 10+. 3 miles.

Fri. 8th, Ice Box Canyon: Come hike and scramble with Chris to this narrow canyon with high walls that shelters you from the direct sunlight. You will see how Icebox Canyon got its name. Moderate, 4 miles.

Sat. 9th, Blooming Hike: Come join Ranger Jim on this blooming walk to find out what is blooming on the Moenkopi Trail. Limited space. Ages 15+. Moderate, 2 miles.

Sat. 9th, Oak Creek: Join Pat on this gorgeous hike to Oak Creek. We will look for wildlife and see what wildflowers are blooming on the trail. Limited space. Ages 10+. Moderate, 3 miles.

Sat. 9th, Exploring Calico Hills Part I: Join Peppe on an exciting hike from Red Spring through the Calico Hills. We will see beautiful scenery along the way. Rock Scrambling is involved. Ages 18+. Strenuous, 7 miles.

Sat. 9th, Wildflowers V (5): Come with Bob and enjoy this final hike emphasizing the wildflowers of 2009. We will stop by the trickling waters and the creek behind the old homestead. An additional highlight of this hike is the beautiful walk along the south fork of Pine Creek. Limited space. Ages 6+. Moderate, 4 miles.

Tues. 12th, Arnigh– Knoll Loop: Join Claire in taking in the beauty of Red Rock Canyon Conservation Area along the 3.5 mile Arnigh Knoll loop. We will see a variety of plant life and possibly some wildlife along this scenic trail at the base of the escarpment. Limited space. Ages 10+. Moderate.

Fri. 15th, Lower Calico Hills: Hike with Claire on this approximately 3 mile hike along the southern edge of the Calico Hills, where we will get up close to these incredible colorful formations. From Red Spring, we will hike around to Calico One, where we will turn around and rock scramble a slightly different way. Limited Space. Ages 12+. Moderate.

Fri. 15th, Gateway to a View: Join Ranger Kathy and see the forces of erosion that have created a variety of opportunities to see the geology and beautiful landscape. Limited Space. Ages 8+. Moderate, 2.5 miles.

Sat. 16th, Blooming Hike: Come join Ranger Jim on this blooming walk to find what is blossoming in Ash Creek. Limited space. Ages 15+. Easy, 1 mile.

Tues. 19th, Dog Hike: Come with Jen and bring your dogs out for a casual hike through Lost Creek and Willow Springs. During our hike, we will look for spring flowers, evidence of Native American culture, and possibly a seasonal waterfall. Limited Space. Ages 10+. Easy, 2 miles.

Tues. 19th, Keystone Thrust: Join Claire for this 3 mile hike to an interesting land formation where we will see the old and the new come together. We will scramble down a dry waterfall and see the affects of water on sandstone. Limited Space. Ages 10+. moderate.

Tues. 19th, Meet the Ranger: Come join Ranger Jim at Red Rock, we will discuss geology, history, wildlife, plant life, and other mysteries of the area. There will be multiple talks conducted at Calico I from 1:00 PM-4:00 PM. No sign-up is required.

Tues. 19th, White Rock Springs Peak: Come with Chris and rock scramble all the way to the top of the shorter peak in the White Rock Hills. This hike has a spectacular view of Red Rock Canyon from the top. Limited Space. Ages 18+. Strenuous, 3 miles.

Wed. 20th, Willow Spring Loop: Hike with Susan for a 6 mile hike along the Willow Spring Loop trail. This trail passes beautiful pictographs and an agave roasting pit. Limited Space. Moderate.

Fri. 22nd, Calico Tanks: Get your heart rate up by trekking up approximately 500 feet to the Calico Tanks with Claire. At the top, we will take in an incredible view of the Las Vegas valley. Learn why the tanks are so colorful and see examples of Native American history along the way. Limited space. Ages 16+. Moderate, 2.5 miles.

Sat. 23rd, First Creek Star Hike: Come with Aaron and enjoy the desert stars that will be shining brightly on this dark, easy night hike to First Creek. Using binoculars, we will look for constellations, planets, and shooting stars before stopping at a beautiful waterfall. Don't forget to bring a flashlight! Moderate, 3 miles.

Sat. 23rd, Wildlife Walk About: Come join Ranger Jim on a fascinating excursion into the wild world of Red Rock Canyon. Come see what is watching us as we enter their world. Limited Space. Ages 15+. Moderate, 2.5 miles.

Tues. 26th, La Madre Spring to the Miner's Cabin: Join Claire and explore the history of those who lived in this beautiful area between the White Rock Hills and the La Madre Mountains. We will be crossing over spring-fed waterfalls as we hike up to the cabin. Limited Space. Ages 16+. Mod.– Strenuous. 5 miles.

Tues. 26th, Meet the Ranger: Come join Ranger Jim at Red Rock, we will cover Geology, history, wildlife, plant life, and other mysteries of the area. There will be multiple talks conducted at Willow Springs from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. No sign-up is required.

Wed. 27th, White Rock: Join Susan for a spectacular hike to enjoy Nevada's wildflowers and wildlife that rely on an amazing year round spring. Limited Space. Moderate, 3 miles.

Thurs. 28th, Exploring Calico Hills II: Come with Peppe on another Calico Hills adventure from Red Spring through the Calico Hills. We will see a different terrain along the way. Rock scrambling is involved. Ages 18+. Strenuous, 7 miles.

Fri. 29th, Pine Creek Canyon: Join Claire and learn about the Wilson family who lived in this scenic canyon over seventy years ago. We will look for wildflowers as well as watch for big horn sheep and other wildlife along the ridges overlooking the 3 mile trail. Limited Space. Ages 12+. Moderate.

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Visitor Center programs :

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Sat. 16th, Astronomy Program: Join the Las Vegas Astronomical Society at 7:00 pm and see a special power point presentation of the night sky. Members will have telescopes to view the different stars and planets. No sign-up required.

Wed. 20th, Tort Talks: Join Janis for some fun filled facts about Nevada's state reptile, the desert tortoise. Ongoing at the Visitor Center from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Fri. 29th, Meet the Ranger: Come join Ranger Jim at Red Rock, and learn about the geology, history, wildlife, plant life, and other mysteries of the area. There will be multiple talks conducted at the Visitor Center from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. No sign-up is required.

Sat. 30th, Intro to Red Rock: Join Ranger Gina for a short 20 minute program about the geology, plants, and animals of Red Rock Canyon. There are multiple talks from 10 am-12:30 pm.

Kid programs

Fri. 1st, Petroglyphs for Kids: Come out to Red Rock Canyon with your 5-10 year olds for a fun and interactive program all about the petroglyphs at Red Spring. Children will learn about the history of petroglyphs, search for petroglyphs and participate in a craft. Limited space.

Sat 2nd, Desert Tortoise Program: Come join Gina for a tortoise program for children. There will be crafts, a story and a lot of fun. Limited Space. Ages 3-8.

Sat. 9th, Jr. Naturalists: Join Jen and bring your little ones out to Red Rock for a “Mother’s Day” program about the different ways animals in the wild take care of their young ones. Children will get the chance to see some animals up close, enjoy a short hike, play interactive learning games and complete a craft to take home. Limited Space. Ages 2-5. Easy.

Sat. May 23rd, Geology for Kids: Come out to Red Rock Canyon with your 5-10 year olds for a fun and interactive program about the geology of Red Rock Canyon. Children will learn all about the history of how Red Rock Canyon was formed and so much more. Limited Space.

Fri. 29th, Desert Smarts: Come out to Red Rock Canyon with your 2-6 year olds for a fun and interactive program all about desert survival skills. Children will learn different simple survival skills with hands-on activities, a craft and so much more. Limited Space.

Other programs

Sun. 3rd, and 17th Mountain Bike Madness: No experience is necessary for this introductory mountain bike ride with Jen and John starting from the Late Night parking lot. The 6 mile single track will be a great way to start new to the sport or dust off an old frame. **Helmets are required.** Age 10+; limited space. Beginner -intermediate.

Thurs. 8th and 28th, Canyon Clean Up: Join Janis for a fun-filled morning of cleaning up at Red Rock Canyon. Help keep Red Rock Canyon clean, while enjoying the outdoors and meeting new people. Easy.

**OTHER AREA HIKES AND PROGRAMS PRESENTED BY THE RED ROCK CANYON
INTERPRETIVE ASSOCIATION***

Sat. 2nd, Corn Creek Spring Walk: Corn Creek Spring feeds three ponds at this headquarters of the Desert National Wildlife Refuge. It is a major bird watching area and is prime habitat for aquatic and land plants and animals. Join Bob during the morning to observe all these creatures in a surprising setting, and learn about the history and future of the area. Easy, 1/2 mile

Mon. 4th, Mondays on the Mount: Join Jen for a hike that is well worth the drive to Mt. Charleston. Fletcher Canyon is a great hike for all hikers. Along the way we will travel through gorgeous scenery and through a slot canyon that is sure to please. Moderate, 4 miles.

Mon. 11th, Monday on the Mount: Join Jen on a hike to Cathedral Rock located at Mt. Charleston. This hike is a must for anyone interested in great views of the Spring Mountains. We will hike uphill to the "summit," but it is well worth the effort. Moderate, 3 miles.

Mon. 18th, Mondays on the Mount: This is another Monday that is at Mt. Charleston. Join Jen in a whole other world to explore at Mary Jane Falls as we go in search of a seasonal waterfall and blooming spring flowers. Moderate, 3 miles. 1040 ft. elevation gain.

Mon. 25th, Mondays on the Mount: For the last Monday of May, join Jen and venture to the South Loop for a morning at Mt. Charleston and enjoy being away from the heat of the city streets in Las Vegas. We will see expansive views of the Spring Mountains and enjoy many overlooks along the way to our destination. Ages 10+. Moderate, 4 miles.

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These locations are not on Bureau of Land Management land*.

***The Bureau of Land Management does not assume responsibility for these programs including loss or injury on land outside of its jurisdiction.**

Remember to LEAVE NO TRACE®

Plan ahead and prepare

Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces

Dispose of Waste Properly

Leave what you find

Minimize Campfire impact

Respect Wildlife

Be Considerate of Other Visitors

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